



Montgomery County Council

From the office of Councilmember Tom Perez

News Advisory

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TASK FORCE ON CANADIAN PRESCRIPTION DRUGS PURCHASE TO RELEASE REPORT MONDAY

The committee appointed by the Montgomery County Council to examine the feasibility and benefits of importing prescription drugs from Canada for 85,000 County employees, retirees, and their dependents will release its findings at a news conference at 12:30 PM on Monday, April 19 at the Council Office Building in Rockville.

Joining Council Vice President Tom Perez and Councilmembers Howard Denis and George Leventhal at the news conference will be other members of the committee, including County agency benefits experts and union representatives.

The committee was established by the Council last November to fully examine the possibilities of Canadian drug importation, which could save millions of dollars from the estimated \$70 million the County spends annually on drugs for employees and retired workers. Specifically, the committee focused on three areas: safety, legality, and cost-effectiveness.

The committee's findings will be incorporated into a resolution for Council action that will be introduced the following day.

When: Monday, April 19, 2004 12:30 PM

**Where: Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue in
Rockville, 3rd Floor Conference Room**

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